

STATEMENT OF SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE (D-HAWAII), CHAIRMAN
SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE
AT THE OPENING OF HEARINGS ON THE NOMINATION OF
ADMIRAL STANSFIELD TURNER
TO BE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence holds hearings today on the nomination of Admiral Stansfield Turner to be Director of Central Intelligence.

Timely and accurate intelligence is a major means of preserving the peace and constitutes our first line of defense. For these reasons alone the post of Director of Central Intelligence is one of the most important in the United States Government. Accurate intelligence and rigorous analysis of that information will play a critical role in the forthcoming Strategic Arms Limitation Talks, the possibilities for peace in the Middle East, and the viability of the NATO Alliance. In all of our relationships throughout the world, our national intelligence system will play an invaluable part.

The national intelligence system requires a leader that will be able to direct the activities of many highly complex organizations in the national intelligence community such as the National Security Agency, elements in the Department of Defense, as well as CIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the counter-intelligence activities of the FBI and the intelligence functions of the Departments of State, Treasury, and a number of other Departments and Agencies. The position of the Director of Central Intelligence requires a man with the ability to manage, to set priorities, and allocate resources. In order to carry out this

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